(*a*) the circumstances under which a member of the Cochin Legislative Council returned for Mattancheri in the last General Election was unseated; and

(*b*) the circumstances which led to his being allowed to stand for re-election?

**Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar** *(Secretary to Government):* (*a*) The Election Commissioners held that the election was vitiated by corrupt practices.

(*b*) The candidate's nomination paper was accepted by the Returning Officer.

## COCHIN HARBOUR—IMPORTS

**128. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar** *(Nellayi):* Will the Government be pleased to state what are the chief articles imported into the State through the Harbour?

**Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar** *(Secretary to Government):* Grains and pulse, kerosene, petrol and other oils, Coal, Sugar, Machinery, and Cement are the chief articles of import at the Cochin Harbour.

## BRANCH ANCHAL MASTERS—ALLOWANCE AND WORK—PARTICULARS REGARDING.

**129. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan** *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the grade or grades of allowance paid to the branch Anchal Masters;

(*b*) the reasons for the disparity in allowance to the branch Anchal Masters;

(*c*) whether any special allowance is paid to branch Anchal Masters working within the town limits;

(*d*) whether any representations have been received by the Government to enhance their allowance to Rs. 10;

(*e*) whether the Government are aware that the allowance of branch Anchal Masters in Travancore is Rs. 10?

**Mr. P. J. George** *(Joint Secretary to Government):* (*a*) There are 4 grades viz., 10, 8, 7 and 6.

(*b*) The allowance is generally fixed with reference to the income and volume of work in the office.

(*c*) No kind of special allowance is paid.

(*d*) There are representations from some branch Anchal Masters for increased allowance.

(*e*) Yes.

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